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Sir :

In response to the outstanding Official Action of December 26, 2008, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 26, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification (Title) are contained on page 2 of this paper:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper:

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper: